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1. INDOCHINA

DOS ANNOUNCED MONDAY THAT US/SRV WILL RESUME PARIS DISCUSSIONS 6/2 ON POSSIBILITY ESTABLISHING NORMAL DIPL RELS. SESSION TO BE HELD AT AMEMBASSY; US DEL TO BE HEADED BY EA'S HOLBROOKE (AP, NYT; LESCAZE, WP).

SRV CHALLENGES INTEGRITY US FOR REFUSING FULFILL "COMMITMENTS" PROVIDE POSTWAR AID PROPOSED BY NIXON (UPI, NYT). HANOI SAYS AID OFFER MADE OUTSIDE SCOPE 1973 C-F. VN NEWS UNCLASSIFIED

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AGENCY ALSO RELEASES TEXT CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT FROM US CHIEF DELEGATE TO JOINT ECON COMMISSION, MAURICE WILLIAMS; QUOTES IT AS SAYING WHILE SOME AID PROMISED FELL WITHIN TERMS PARIS AGREEMENT, OTHER OFFERS INDEPENDENT OF IT. DOCUMENT COULD PROVE CRUCIAL IN SRV-US NEGOTS (UPI, CHITRIB).

HANOI'S VERSION NIXON AID PROMISE OMITTS PARAGRAPH THAT NOTES CONGRESS WOULD NEED APPROVE AID. DOS SAYS PARAGRAPH TRANSMITTED TO NVN ACCORDING RECORDS. SRV TONE ON AID

INDICATES 2ND SESSION OF TALKS IN PARIS ON NORMALIZING RELS WILL BE DIFFICULT.

REP WOLFF (D-NY) SAYS VN'S OMISSION PARAGRAPH UNDERSCORES HIS INTENTION PURSUE MATTER/FIND OUT WHAT SENT/WHAT NOT. SRV ALSO BROADCAST PHAM VAN DONG'S 2/23/75 REPLY TO NIXON CONFIRMING AID PROMISE/STIPULATING SHOULD BE AT 2/1/75 DOL'S VALUE (LESCAZE).

FOUR "MAYAGUEZ" CREWMEN SUE OWNER, CLAIM NEGLIGENCE IN SHIP SEIZURE (NYDN; AP, PHINQ).

2. THAILAND

ABOUT 200 COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS ATTACKED/BURNED DOWN RURAL POLICE STATION IN NE PROV SAKON NA KHON 5/23. POLICE FLED; ATTACKERS SEIZED FIREARMS/EQUIPMENT, ACCORDING THAI PAPER (REUTER BANGKOK 5/23).

3. INDONESIA

ALL PAPERS GIVE PROMINENT COVERAGE SEIZURE TRAIN/SCHOOL IN NETHERLANDS BY S MOLUCCAN TERRORISTS WHO BELIEVED WANT DUTCH GOVT PRESSURE GOI INTO GRANTING INDEPENDENCE TO HOMELAND ISLAND GROUP. STORIES NOTE 50 PASSENGERS BEING HELD IN TRAIN/OVER 100 CHILDREN IN SCHOOL (SCM; WSJ; UPI NYDN, BALTO NA (5/23), WSTAR (5/23); AP GLOBE, PHINQ, NYT; UNCLASSIFIED

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DROZDIK, WP). GOV MOLUCCAN ISLANDS/COMMUNITY LEADER BOTH CONDEMN TERRORIST ACTION. INDO AMB TO HOLLAND SAYS INCIDENT ENTIRELY PROBLEM OF DUTCH GOVT (REUTER JAKARTA).

MINING MINISTER SADLI SAYD OPEC MEMBERS WHO PLANNED 5 PCT OIL PRICE RISE IN JULY HAVE DECIDED FOREGO IT (WP).

4. KOREA

DOS' HABIB/JCS' BROWN ARRIVED SEOUL 5/24 FOR TALKS W/PRES PARK RE ADMIN'S PLANS FOR PHASED W/DRAWAL US GROUND TROOPS (REUTER SEOUL). HABIB, IN ARRIVAL STATEMENT, REITERATED CONTINUING US COMMITMENT TO SK SECURITY; SAID HE WILL UNDERTAKE "FULL CONSULTATIONS" WITH ROKG ON WITHDRAWAL PLAN, THEN REPORT BACK TO PRES ON SEOUL'S VIEWS.

REP STRATTON (D-NY) SAYS CONGRESS WILL GIVE MAJ GEN SINGLAUB CHANCE EXPLAIN WHY THINKS US W/DRAWAL WILL LEAD TO WAR. MAKES POINTED REFERENCE TO FACT CONGRESS HAS NOT YET APPROVED PRES' W/DRAWAL PLAN. SINGLAUB SCHEDULED TESTIFY BEFORE STRATTON SUBCMTE 2/25 (UPI, NYT).

ACCORDING WSTAR'S "EAR" GOSSIP COLUMN (5/23), TONGSUN PARK DOING FINE IN LONDON, SET TO WRITE "TELL-ALL" BOOK

ABOU WASHINGTON.

5. JAPAN

THARP (CSM TOKYO) REPORTS SOVIET-JAPANESE FISHING AGREEMENT SIGNED 5/19 AFTER 80 DAYS OF TALKS. IN TV INTERVIEW 5/21, FUKUDA BLAMED SOVS FOR LACK OF CONSISTENCY IN TALKS/ THANKED JAPAN, INCL OPPOSITION PARTIES, FOR STANDING BEHIND GOJ ON ISSUE. STATES HUMILIATING TREATMENT RECEIVED BY JAPANESE IN MOSCOW CAUSED STRONG BACKLASH PRO-PRC SENTIMENT IN DIET/MAY CARRY OVER INTO EARLY CONCLUSION TOKYO-PEKING PEACE TREATY.
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FINANCE MINISTRY PREPARING INTRODUCE RESERVE REQUIREMENTS ON FON LIABILITIES OF JAPANESE BANKS/FON BRANCHES OPERATING THERE. MOVE WOULD REDUCE FLOW FUNDS TO JAPAN FOR USE IN DOMESTIC LENDING, ESPECIALLY BY BRANCHES OF US/OTHER FON BANKS (WELS, JOC TOKYO).

SPEAKING AT FUND RAISING PARTY FOR LDP, FUKUDA PREDICTED JAPANESE ECONOMY WILL SHOW RECOVERY TREND IN MONTH OR 2/ECON GROWTH W/O INFLATION. PM DENIED OFFICIAL DISCOUNT RATE MIGHT BE SLICED FOR 3RD TIME THIS YR/ALSO SAID CONSUMER PRICE INCREASE CAN BE HELD TO 7 PCT IN CURRENT FY (REUTER HIROSHIMA, CHITRIB).

DIRECTOR-GENRL JAPAN'S EPA SAYS PLANNED 6-7 PCT GROWTH RATE NOT WORTH COST ENVIRONMENTALLY. CLAIMS ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE DUE INCREASED NUMBER FACTORIES/AUTOS WILL FAR OUTWEIGH BENEFITS DERIVED FROM FASTGROWING ECONOMY (SUN'S SEIDEN TOKYO).

JAPAN'S VEHICLE PRODUCTION FELL 6.3 PCT LAST MO; NUMBER DOWN FROM MARCH LEVEL BUT 3 PCT OVER APRIL'S PRODUCTION (REUTER TOKYO 5/23).

OHIO-BASED "WENDY'S" HAMBURGER CHAIN NEGOTIATING ENTER JAPANESE MARKET. BOARD CHRMN SAYS FIRM COULD OPEN MANY AS 20 OUTLETS BY EARLY 1978 (CHITRIB).

JAPAN TO LEND JORDAN 27.3 MIL DOLS TO HELP CONSTRUCT WADI ARAB DAM/SURROUNDING IRRIGATION PROJECT ON JORDAN RIVER; 25-YR LOAN CARRIES 3.5 PCT INTEREST (UPI, JOC; WP).

JAPANESE TRADE SOURCES SAY TURKEY HAS ORDERED SUSPENION IMPORT BILL SETTLEMENT DUE WORST FOREX SITUATION IN ITS HISTORY. PAYMENTS FOR JAPANESE EXPORTS WORTH SOME 40
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MIL DOLS SUSPENDED SINCE MID-MAY (UPI, JOC).

FUKUDA CALLS UPON JAPANESE EXPORTERS AVOID SATURATION
JAPANESE EXPORTS ON FOM MARKETS/STEP UP IMPORTS. ASKS
BUSINESS LEADERS KEEP EXPORT GROWTH AT MODERATE RATE/AVOID
CONCENTRATING 1/FEW EXPORT ITEMS ON SINGLE FOM MARKET
(CHITRIB).

KANEMATSU-GOSHO, MAJOR TOKYO TRADING CO, TO PROVIDE ELEC-
TRO-HIMT LTD OF ONTARIO W/140-MIL-DOLS WORTH COLOR TVS/
PARTS OVER 10-YR PERIOD (NYT).

JOC SPECIAL SECTION ON INTL BANKING CONTAINS 3 ITEMS
ON JAPAN. MITSUBISHI BANK PRES NAKAMURA STATES JAPAN
FULLY AWARE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES/OBLIGATIONS, WILL CONTINUE
CONTRIBUTE TO STABLE DEVELOPMENT WORLD ECONOMY. CULLISON
(TOKYO) REPORTS ON EUR-JAPAN DISPUTE OVER TRADE SURPLUS.
DESPITE FUKUDA'S ASSURANCES, EUROPEANS REMAIN SKEPTICAL/
POINT W/SUSPICION THAT THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE PENETRATE
JAPANESE MARKET W/MFD GOODS. FINAL ITEM BY MOF'S INTL
FINANCE BUREAU DIRECTOR-GENRL FUJIOKA STATES JAPAN WILL
CONTINUE MAKE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPEED ADJUST-
MENT PROCESS TOWARD FINANCIAL STABILITY/PROVIDE ADEQUATE
INTL FINANCE.

6. JAPAN/VIETNAM

JAPANESE FREIGHTER HAS PICKED UP 30 VIET REFUGEES ADRIFT
ABOUT 300 MI NE HO CHI MINH CITY. SHIP DUE KOBE NEXT
MONDAY (REUTER KOBE).

7. JAPAN/CHINA

JAPAN/PRC CONCLUDE 370-MIL-DOLS WORTH TRADE CONTRACTS
DURING MONTH-LONG CANTON BIENNIAL SPRING TRADE FAIR.
TOTAL IS SHARP INCREASE FROM LAST YR'S 195 MIL DOLS.
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JAPANESE IMPORTS FROM PRC, CHIEFLY FOODS, TOTALLED 240
MIL DOLS/MACHINERY, TEXTILES TOTALLED 130 MILLION (REUTER
TOKYO 5/23, NYT; UPI, JOC).

8. CHINA

DOS' CARTER ANNOUNCED 5/23 THAT SEC VANCE WILL VISIT PARIS
NEXT WEEKEND FOR NORTH SOUTH PARLAY/INDICATED POSSIBILITY
OF DIP MISSION TO PRC IN AUGUST AND CARIBBEAN IN JUNE
RE PEKING TRIP, SPOKESMAN SAID HAD SEEN REPORTS AND "IF
IT CAN BE WORKED OUT, THIS IS "TIME-FRAME IN WHICH WE
WOULD BE INTERESTED. BUT NOTHING HAS BEEN SETTLED YET"
(UPI, NYT).

9. PHILIPPINES

JUDGE DENIES MOTION TO DISMISS MURDER CHARGES AGAINST
2 FILIPINA NURSES IN DETROIT TRIAL; BUT DEFENSE WINS
COURT OK TO QUESTION PSYCHIATRIST ABOUT POSSIBLE CON-
FESSIONS MADE TO HIM BY FORMER NURSING SUPERVISOR THAT SHE
HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR VA HOSPITAL KILLINGS.

10. AUSTRALIA/NZ

FRASER ANNOUNCED RESTRICTIONS TUES ON EXPORT OF AUSSIE
URANIUM RESERVES WHICH RESEMBLE SAFEGUARDS ALREADY
APPLIED BY US/CANADA (REUTER CANBERRA).

MONDAY'S EARLY VOTE TALLIES SHOWED AUSSIE PREFER SOLEMN
"ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR" TO "WALTZING MATILDA" AS NATIONAL
SONG (WSTAR 5/23).

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD (IN FOSSIL DOWNS STATION) NOTES "COW-
BOYS" IN AREA RIDE PLANES, BUT QUALITY OF LIFE STILL
PIONEER.

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MULDOON SAYS CIA HAS MAN IN AUCKLAND WHO ACTS AS LIAISON
WITH SIS; DRAWS DISTINCTION BETWEEN SUCH WORK AND KGB'S
"COVERT ACTIVITIES IN NZ (PHINQ).

11. GENERAL

PRES CARTER MONDAY NAMES EA'S ARTHUR HUMMEL NEW US AMB TO
PAKISTAN (REUTER 5/23).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

12. PRES CARTER'S NOTRE DAME SPEECH

WP'S MARDER ANALYZES PRES' SUNDAY COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS:
CITES, AMONG OTHERS, REFERENCES TO ADMIN DESIRE TO COM-
PREHENSIVE/RECIPROCAL RELS WITH SOVIET/PRC, AND FOR
BROADER WORLD ORDER IN WHICH US WILL COOPERATE MORE

CLOSELY WITH "NEWLY INFLUENTIAL COUNTRIES" IN ASIA/AFRICA/
LA. MARDER SUGGESTS WHAT WILL COUNT IN LONG RUN, AS PRES
SURELY RECOGNIZES, IS NOT MERELY WHETHER HIS POLICY ONLY
MAKE AMERICANS "FEEL VERY GOOD," BUT WHETHER POLICY
WORKABLE.

WSTAR'S BARNES (5/23) SAYS WHILE ON SURFACE NOTHING
STARTLING ABOUT SPEECH, THERE WAS MUCH SUBSTANCE IN IT,
ACCORDING SENIOR WH OFFICIAL. CONTENDS THERE WAS, FOR

INSTANCE, MESSAGE FOR CHINESE THAT THEY ARE IMPORTANT TO US; BUT, SOURCE SAID, PRES WAS NOT RESPONDING TO REPORTS CHINESE ANGRY OVER DELAY IN NORMALIZATION--CARTER WAS NOT REASSURING THEM BECAUSE OF ANY SPECIFIC INCIDENT, JUST IN GENERAL.

CSM (5/21) TAKES NOTES OF SPEECH, VIEWS IMPROVED TIES WITH SOV UNION/CHINA (BASED ON STRONG US DEFENSE) AS AMONG "UNASSAILABLE OBJECTIVES."
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13. INDOCHINA

LEWIS (NYT 5/23) NOTES VN SUDDENLY BACK W/NIXON TV TALKS/ PARIS DISCUSSIONS/RELEASE NIXON AID PROMISE LTR. BELIEVES WOULD BE MISTAKE LET ARGUMENTS OF PAST OBSCURE PRESENT REALITIES; US/SRV BOTH HAVE INTEREST IN MOVING TOWARD NEW RELATIONSHIP BASED ON PRACTICAL, NOT EMOTIONAL, TERMS. SEES PRACTICAL START MADE AT PARIS W/HOLBROOKE'S TALKS W/PHAN HIEN, BUT FORESEES AWKWARD DIPL/PSYCHOLOGICAL OBSTACLES ON WAY FULL NORMALIZATION. RECALLS HIEN LINKED DIPL RELS TO AID QUESTION. UNDERSTANDS WHY SRV WANTS AID, BUT STATES DOES NOT FOLLOW IS WISE FOR HANOI MAKE AID CONDITION OF EXCHANGING AMBS.

LEWIS OPINES SUCH TACTICS ALMOST CERTAIN BLIGHT HOPE BETTER RELS/DAMAGE INTERESTS BOTH; POINTS OUT BLUNT FACT THAT CONGRESS NOT GOING APPROVE AID FOR SRV. STATES NIXON PROMISE CARRIES NO EFFECTIVE POL WEIGHT IN US TODAY. ADVISES US LOOK TO FUTURE/ESTABLISH RELS W/SRV/LET ECON INTEREST IN OIL/FOOD TAKE HOLD/INCH AWAY FROM IRRATIONALITY OF PAST. OPINES SRV TOUGHER LINE TAKEN SINCE PARIS MTG MAY LEAD TO YRS FURTHER ESTRANGEMENT; ADVISES SHOULD PUT ASIDE THEORY/PROCEED FROM TODAY'S REALITIES.

READER PHEACH SREY, CAMBODIAN NATIVE, WRITES CSM, ADVISES SMALL NATIONS LEARN FROM USG/CONGRESSIONAL SILENCE RE BRUTAL EVENTS CAMBODIA. STATES US BROUGHT WAR THERE IN 1970/PROMISED DIPL/MIL AID UNTIL NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT REACHED, THEN CONGRESS REJECTED AID REQUESTS IN 1975/US LEFT PP/COMMUNISTS TOOK OVER.

SAFIRE (NYT 5/23) NOTES PROTESTS AT COLUMBIA U VS GIVING HAK ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT DUE FORMER SECSTATE'S INDOCHINA ROLE. PRESENTS ARGUMENTS BOTH SIDES, CONCLUDES HAK OUGHT NOT BE BARRED FROM CHAIR. PROF KESSELMAN OF COLUMBIA
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(NYT 5/23) LOOKS OVER OPPOSITION TO HAK APPOINTMENT/ REVIEWS US INVOLVEMENT INDOCHINA WAR. CONCLUDES HAK SHOULD

NOT GET ENDOWED CHAIR, DUE IMMORAL ACTIONS.

14. THAILAND

FROM BANGKOK, CSM'S MORITZ, IN CENTER-SPREAD DOUBLE-PG ARTICLE REPLETE W/PIZ, DESCRIBES THAILAND AS TREMBLING DOMINO. WONDERES IF MIL-BACKED GOVT CAN INSPIRE LOCAL/ FOREIGN CONFIDENCE; ASKS IF GOVT CAN PULL COUNTRY TOGETHER SO TRADITIONAL BUDDHISM/LOYALTY TO THRONE CAN SURVIVE; PONDERES WHETHER DOMINO THEORY VALID AS GUERRILLA FORCES INCREASE/GAIN NEW RESPECTABILITY.

MORITZ SAYS SIGNS CONCERN NOT DIFFICULT SPOT: CHINESE BUSINESS TALK OF MOVING CAPITAL OUT; EDUCATED THAIS CONSIDER EMIGRATION; AMEMBASSY DECLINES IN SIZE. NOTES POSITIVE FACTORS; DESCRIBES INSURGENCY; MENTIONS "SCENARIOS" FOR PREDICTED CHANGE, INCL "BURMA MODEL"/ "VN MODEL," RETURN TO CIVILIAN LEADERSHIP. QUOTES DIPLOMAT THAT "JUST POSSIBLE" CIVILIAN/MIL WEALTHY WILL LEARN MUST MAKE MAJOR REFORMS IF COUNTRY TO SURVIVE AS NON-COMMUNIST.

LORENZ (JOC), IN 2ND OF 2 ARTICLES, REVIEWS THAI RICE TRADE. BELIEVES DOMESTIC SHORTAGE POSSIBLE BY MID-YR, DUE DROUGHT IN ASIA RESULTING IN HI EXPORT LEVEL. OPINES, IF HAPPENS, RTG WOULD BE ACCUSED MISMANAGEMENT, MAY CAUSE UNREST. CONSIDERS POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEM.

15. CHINA

CSM'S HARSCH SAYS 5/14 MARKS DECISIVE MOMENT IN SOV POLICY W/PUBLICATION PRAVDA ARTICLE CLAIMING PRC MOST DANGEROUS COUNTRY IN WORLD/REAL THREAT TO PEACE. CONCLUDES 5/14 MANIFESTO AGAINST PRC WOULD SEEM SERVE SEVERAL PURPOSES: UNCLASSIFIED

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ADVERTISES FAILURE SOV ATTEMPTS FOR RECONCILIATION WITH MAO SUCCESSORS/SOV MIGHT EASE SALT II TALKS WITH US/MIGHT DISCOURAGE WEUROPE SELLING NEW SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS TO PRC. SAYS IT UNDERLINES ESSENTIAL FACT SINO-SOV RELS MOST INFLAMED UNSETTLED OF ANY. MOSCOW ODD MAN OUT.

SFCHRON (5/17) NOTES NEW RHETORIC OF SINO-SOV PROPAGANDA BLASTS; SAYS WHAT SOVS COULD HOPE GAIN IN CREDIBILITY BY TELLING SOV PEOPLE THERE SHOULD BE CLOSING RANKS BETW SOV/ WEST "ESCAPES US." WONDERES IF SOVS WANT LAY SELVES OPEN TO BE DENOUNCED BY CHINESE AS "RUNNING DOGS OF CAPITALIST-IMPERIALISM"?"

JANEWAY (CHITRIB) SAYS US CAN KEEP PRC/SOVS IN BALANCE BY USING AGRIPOWER. CITING CIA'S RECORD OF FORECASTING FAILURES, JANEWAY SAYS ANY AGGRESSIVE DESIGNS SOVS MAY

HAVE ON US SUPPLY LINE MAY MAKE GOOD READING, BUT CONTINUOUS MANEUVERING INSIDE KREMLIN FOR POSITION VIS-A-VIS CHINA MAKES FOR MORE SERIOUS WATCHING. FACT NO SOV/PEKING POWER FACTION CAN KNOW WHETHER/WHEN REALIGNMENT RULING COALITIONS MAY START COLD WAR IN FAR EAST GIVE US AGRICULTURE COMMANDING HOLD ON BALANCE POWER THERE. MOSCOW NOT LIKELY LOOK ON US AS PATSY LONG AS WASHINGTON FILLS PRC RESERVE FOOD BINS.

16. HONG KONG

FORMER NYT FINANCIAL NEWS STAFFER BEDINGFIELD WRITES FROM HK RE OPENING OF NEW HONG KONG COMMODITY EXCHANGE MAY 9 AND COTTON TRADING COMING TO AISA. SAYS NEW COMMODITY EXCHANGE--FIRST IN ASIA--OPENED IN SMALL WAY, BUT ORGANIZERS HAVE EYE ON INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS. EXCHANGE CHAIRMAN PETER SCALES PREDICTS BUSINESS EVENTUALLY WILL REACH 100 MIL DOLS/DAY.

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WITH CAPTION "HE'LL BE WITH YOU SOON--HE'S TIED UP RIGHT NOW," WP'S HERBLOCK SHOWS MASSIVE KOREAN BOXER (WEARING ROBE MARKED "CONGRESS-KOREA SCANDAL") SITTING CALMLY IN CORNER WHILE SMALLER CONTENDER (WITH ROBE MARKED "HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE") SEEKS UNTANGLE SELF FROM ROPES (MARKED "QUESTIONS ABOUT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' ETHICS").

SUN ARGUES THAT PRES OWES COUNTRY MORE DETAILED EXPLANATION OF PLANS FOR W/DRAWAL US GROUND FORCES FROM SK. SAYS TO REASSERT CIVILIAN CONTROL OVER MIL, CARTER PROBABLY HAD TO FIRE SINGLAUB, BUT GEN HAS BLUNTLY STATED STRATEGIC CONCERNS THAT CANNOT BE LIGHTLY DISMISSED. SAYS JAPAN'S STAKE IN KOREA ONLY PART NE ASIA GEOPOLITICS TO BE CONSIDERED; US' STABILIZING PRESENCE PROBABLY SERVES INTEREST US/SOV/CHINA AND JAPAN. SAYS IN SEOUL, BROWN/HABIB SHOULD STRESS HELP SK WITH QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENT NEEDED DETER INVASION.

FROM SEOUL, WP'S SAAR WRITES THAT DIFFICULT/PERHAPS IMPOSSIBLE TASK CONFRONTS CARTER'S SPECIAL ENVOYS BENT ON SELLING ROKG ON TROOP W/DRAWALS. SAYS GRIM SINGLAUB PREDICTION

OF RENEWED WAR HEIGHTENED GENERAL APPREHENSION THAT REMOVAL "TRIPWIRE" US INFANTRY DIVISION WILL TEMPT NK AGGRESSION. FINDS GOVT OFFICIALS/OPPOSITION LEADERS/MIL CMDRS/MEDIA OPINION MAKERS ALL SKEPTICAL/SERIOUSLY WORRIED AT PROSPECT MAJOR CHANGE US UNDERPINNINGS, WITH UNIVERSAL CONFUSION RE US MOTIVES.

NYT SAYS HEART MAY GO OUT TO SINGLAUB FOR DENOUNCING PRES'

NEW POLICY, BUT MIND MUST APPLAUD CARTER. SAYS WITHDRAWAL POLICY SK CANNOT BE ENTRUSTED TO THOSE WHO WOULD DESTROY IT; GENERAL WAS NECESSARY EXAMPLE. IF GENERAL UNDERSTANDS THIS, HE DESERVES ANOTHER HONORABLE ASSIGNMENT; IF NOT, HE'LL EXPOIT SCHEDULED APPEARANCE BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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CMTE. FREE SPEECH FOR MIL MEN NOT IN POLITICS/DIPLOMACY.

WSTAR (5/21) SAYS PRES PROMISED OPEN ADMIN W/HEARING DISSIDENT VIEWS, BUT OPENNESS HAS LIMITS: GEN WAS OUT OF ORDER.

WP'S WILSON SAYS CARTER CRACKDOWN ON SINGLAUB REMOVES ANY DOUBTS IN MINDS SK LEADERS US TROOPS GOING HOME. RE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE BEFORE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES INVESTIGATIONS SUBCMTE, NOTES CHRNM STRATTON (D-NY) SAID SUBCMTE WON'T ADDRESS QUESTION WHETHER SINGLAUB SHOULD/SHOULD NOT HAVE SPOKEN OUT PUBLICLY; IT WANTS FIND OUT WHY HE BELIEVES REMOVING US TROOPS WOULD RUN "VERY GRAVE RISK OF WAR."

18. TRADE

GATT DECIDES INVESTIGATE LEGALITY US-IMPOSED DUTIES AGAINST JAPANESE ELECTRONIC IMPORTS AFTER JAPANESE DELEGATE SAWAKI SAID US COURT'S DECISION PUT US IN POSITION OF FAILING ABIDE BY ITS INTL OBLIGATIONS. EC EXPRESSED "VERY STRONG CONCERN" OVER COURT ORDER, AS DID CANADA/NORDIC COUNTRIES. PANEL, WHOSE MEMBERS INCL AUSTRALIA/JAPAN/MALAYSIA, INSTRUCTED BEGIN EXAMINATION BEFORE MONTH'S END/REPORT "EXPEDITIOUSLY " (LUSINCHI, NYT).

NYT CITES FAILURE TV-IMPORT QUOTA JAPANESE COLOR TVS TO SATISFY SOME US COMPETITORS. SUGGESTS CARTER'S BEST HOPE LIES IN FULLER PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FOR FREE TRADE. STATES FEW UNDERSTAND POTENTIAL COST OF PROTECTION IN HIGHER CONSUMER PRICES/LOST JOBS IN US EXPORT INDUSTRIES/IMPAIRED STRENGTH OF "DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE OF INDUSTRIAL NATIONS." SAYS UNLESS CARTER RALLIES CONSUMERS/EXPORTERS PROTECTIONISTS MAY SUCCEED W/O "TRULY OPEN CONTEST."

19. HUMAN RIGHTS

KOREY (WP 5/22) DOES FULL-PG ITEM RE UN'S "DOUBLE STANDARD" UNCLASSIFIED

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ON HUMAN RTS. STATES ISSUES W/WHICH MAJORITY CONCERNED MERIT INSTALLATION OF COMPLIANCE MACHINERY, WHILE OTHER ISSUES--SUCH AS "GENOCIDE" AGAINST CHINESE IN INDONESIA IN 1965--HAVE MERITED NO UN ACTION. ECHOES CARTER'S CALL FOR "MORE UNIVERSAL DEMAND FOR FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS."

CHACE DOES LENGTHY ITEM IN NYT MAG 5/22. STATES THAT BY INJECTING HUMAN RTS INTO FOPOL, CARTER HAS REVIVED OLD US DILEMMA--HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE HAS TAUGHT US THAT OWN MOTIVATIONS FOR/CONSEQUENCES OF OUR ACTION NOT ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD. SAYS IF CARTER "TEMPERS" AMERICAN IDEALISM W/CAUTION SUCH EXPERIENCE SHOULD HAVE ENGENDERED, HE MAY NOT ONLY BE ABLE TRY DO GOOD, "HE ACTUALLY MAY BE ABLE TO DO IT."

20. GENERAL

MOHR (NYT 5/22) DOES ITEM ON CENTO/SEATO ALLIANCES. NOTES SEATO "QUIETLY" BEING ALLOWED EXPIRE 6/30. REMARKS FEW WOULD ARGUE THAT BODY STILL HAS PURPOSE FULFILL, THO ITS OBSOLESCENCE DOESN'T MEAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY PRINCIPLE INVALID/IMPRACTICAL.

JACOBY (WP 5/22) DOES LENGTHY ITEM ON US' PROBLEM ILLEGAL ALIENS, USING AS EXAMPLES CHINESE IMMIGRANTS TO ILLUSTRATE MULTITUDE OF DIFFICULTIES FACING BOTH ILLEGAL ALIENS/USG IN DEALING W/PROBLEM. VANCE

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